

CHAPTER I.

EXTENSION AND CONSTITUTION OF STATE FORESTS.

(i).—ALTERATION OF AREA,

AND

(ii).—FOREST SETTLEMENTS.

The following table shows the forest area of the Southern Circle :—

Names of Districts.	AREA ON 1ST JULY 1894.		ADDED DURING THE YEAR.		EXCLUDED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HEADS.		AREA ON 30TH JUNE 1895.		Total Forest-Area.								
	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
Kanara	1,181	617	2,366	636	1	328	0	1	1,183	305	2,366	635	3,550	300			
Belgaum	631	511	149	540	132	511	60	188	405	684	322	11	135	675	457		
Dharwar	170	555	260	258	189	305	...	207	237	328	359	13	22	570	381	583	
Bijapur	155	56	89	409	...	...	0	27	92	155	56	89	409	244	465	244
Kolabá	411	38	34	137	26	348	45	341	437	7	45	444	386	444	386	444	
Batnagir	20	80	.....	.....	...	...	...	20	80	.....	20	80	.....	20	80	20
Total ...	2,470	577	2,901	60	850	212	...	1	312	403	186	2,919	477	2,497	514	5,317	351

2. The changes in the area of the Kanara-forests are due to errors in the original notifications, which were rectified during the year under report.

3. The revision-settlement of the forests of Belgaum and Dharwar received the sanction of Government, and the final lists were notified in the *Gazette*. Under this settlement 104 square miles 82 acres of "Protected" forests in Belgaum, and 174 square miles 60 acres in Dharwar, were converted into "Reserved." In Kolabá, 26 square miles 324 acres were also converted into "Reserved."

District.	Sq. miles.	Acres.
Belgaum	28	429
Dharwar	15	245
Kolabá	...	24

4. Besides the above, lands newly selected for afforestation, aggregating *44 square miles 58 acres, were gazetted "Reserved" under Section 19 of the Forest Act.

5. The area converted into "Reserved" is entered in the 7th column of the above table as well as in the 4th. The 7th also includes the acreage that was disafforested, namely :—

District.	Protected-Forest.		REMARKS.
	Sq. m.	Acres.	
Kanara	.....	1	Due to error in the original notification.
Belgaum	34	323	} During final settlement.
Dharwar	63	268	
Kolabá	.....	408	
Total ...	98	360	

Kanara.

6. Mr. R. T. Wingate, Forest-Settlement-Officer, Northern Division of Kanara, submitted settlement-proposals regarding 722 square miles of Súpá, and retired from the service on the 16th April, 1895, handing over charge to Mr. Sheppard, Forest-Settlement-Officer, Southern Division of Kanara.

7. Mr. Sheppard completed the field-work connected with 70 villages of Siddápúr and 73 of Honáwar, aggregating 84·12 and 199·75 square miles, respectively.

8. The settlement-proposals on these forests are under preparation.

9. The following area was notified under Section 4 of the Forest Act:—

District.	Area.		REMARKS.
	A.	g.	
Kanara ...	89,567	4	In Honáwar
Do. ...	1,353	8	In Karwar.
Belgaum ...	1,550	7	In Parasgad.
Dharwar ...	3,609	11	Gadag, Ránebennur, Hubli, Kalghatgi, Dharwar, Bankápúr, Kód and Hángal.
Kolábá... ...	1,697	39	
	97,777	29	

Belgaum and Dhárwár.

10. Mr. Knight submitted settlement-reports on the forests referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the last report, and reverted to the Revenue Department. Of his Office-Establishment, 2 men were placed under the Divisional Officer, Dharwar, and the services of the rest dispensed with.

11. Government-orders were received on the re-settlement of all the forests of Dharwar.

12. The following table shows the progress made in the settlement of the forests, which were gazetted under Section 34 of the Forest-Act:—

Name of Collectorate.	Class of Forests.	At the commencement of the year. Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.	AREA DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR AND SANCTIONED BY GOVERNMENT.		Area of Reserved Forests alienated under Section 26.	Area of Protected Forests disforested under Government orders.	At the end of the year. Areas under Section 34, in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.
			Under Section 19.	Under Section 28.			
			Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.			
Kanara ...	Reserved ...	214 286	.....	.....	.....	.....	214 286
	Protected...	1,915 338	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,915 338
Bijápúr ...	Reserved ...	155 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	155 56
	Protected...	89 409	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 409
Kolábá ...	Reserved ...	11 353	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 353
	Protected...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	Reserved ...	381 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	381 55
	Protected...	2,005 107	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,005 107

13. Government-orders on the settlement of 214 square miles, 286 acres of "Reserved," and 722 square miles of the "Protected," forests, shown against Kanara, have been received, but the notifications under Section 19 of the Forest-Act had not been published in the Gazette before the close of the year.

14. The area remaining to be reported upon is:—

	Square Miles.	Acres.
In Kanara, 2,129 square miles, 624 acres (detailed above) minus 936 square miles, 286 acres referred to in the last paragraph ...	1,193	338
In Kolábá (as given in the above table) ...	11	353
and the area notified under Section 4 of the Forest Act (referred to in para. 9) ...	2	418
In Belgaum (do.) ...	2	270
In Dharwar (do.) ...	5	409
Total ...	1,215	508

15. Of the area shown above, 813 square miles of field-work have been finished in Kanara.

16. Lists of the Bijapur-forests, the settlement of which was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 8339 dated 11th October, 1894, were submitted to Government for publication in the *Gazette*.

17. Nothing remains to be done in connection with the Dharwar-and Belgaum-forests excepting a few square miles of waste-land newly selected, which have to be settled, and this will be done by the Assistant-or Deputy-Collectors in charge of the talukas concerned.

18. The two square miles 418 acres of Kolabá, referred to above, will be dealt with in the same way; and the 11 square miles, 353 acres, which have been awaiting settlement for a long time, should be taken in hand by the Collector and finished this season.

19. The field-work of the Circle still remaining to be done, and aggregating only about 400 square miles, will, it is hoped, be finished during the approaching working season.

20. The expenditure incurred on account of settlement during the year under report, was as detailed below :—

Not charged to Forests.

	Rs.
Salaries and allowances of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, S. D., Kanara ...	13,601
Do. do. of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Bel- gaum-Dharwar ...	10,875

Charged to Forests.

	Rs.
Salaries and allowances of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, N. D. of Kanara ...	9,519
And of the Establishment employed in his office and con- tingencies ...	2,415
Salaries and allowances of the Establishment employed under the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Southern Division of Kanara, and contingencies... ...	3,560
Ditto. do. of the Establishment under the Forest- Settlement-Officer, Belgaum-Dharwar, and contin- gencies... ...	2,062
Compensation ...	<u>1,262</u>
Total ...	<u>43,294</u>

21. The settlement of the year, which is represented by the above expenditure, comprises :—

	Rs.
350.33 Square miles finally settled ...	23,915
283.87 Do. settlement in progress (area for which field-work has been completed) ...	<u>19,379</u>
	<u>43,294</u>

22. The cost per square mile of the settlement finally effected during the year, was Rs. 68.26.

23. The total cost for settlement-operations up to 30th June, 1894, amounted to Rs. 3,37,528, and that on account of the area gazetted during the year under report, to Rs. 23,915. The area finally settled and gazetted up to the end of the year is 3,260.68 square miles, and the average cost of settlement up to date comes to Rs. 110 per square mile.

(iii).—DEMARCATION.

24. The forest-boundaries have all been demarcated by the Revenue-Survey, by stone-cairns, earthen mounds, or stones.

25. Their demarcation by means of special forest-boundary-marks will now be pressed forward vigorously.

26. Form No. 48 appended, gives details of work done during the year under report.